

## CHAPTER 1 SECTION 10.5

### ROUTINE PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

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#### I. PROCEDURE CODES

99382 - 99387; 99392 - 99397

Effective January 1, 1992, the American Medical Association Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) evaluation and management service codes (i.e., visit codes) were revised. The former CPT 90000 series codes were replaced by a new CPT 99000 series. These new codes were adopted for claims processing for claims submitted on or after January 1, 1992.

#### II. DESCRIPTION

A routine physical examination is an evaluation and management of the general health of adults and children conducted in the absence of a presenting complaint or other indication of illness or injury.

#### III. POLICY

A routine physical examination is excluded from coverage as not medically necessary.

#### IV. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

A. A physical examination which leads directly to the diagnosis of a diseased condition is not a routine physical examination.

B. A physical examination associated with well-baby care is not a routine physical examination.

C. A physical examination provided when required in the case of a dependent of an active duty military member who is traveling outside the United States as a result of the active duty member's assignment and such travel is being performed under orders issued by a Uniformed Service is not a routine physical examination. The claim should include a copy of the travel orders or other official documentation showing that the service member is being considered for assignment outside the United States, and dependent travel is involved.

D. A physical examination required for an application to the United States Department of State for an immigrant visa is a routine physical examination.

E. An ancillary procedure in support of a routine physical examination is excluded as related to an excluded procedure.

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